

# Animal Management Issues

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- \* Issues Raised by the Community:
  - \* Extremely poor conditions of the 30 years + existing shelter for dogs
  - \* Need to control the overpopulation -
    - \* Two unaltered breeding cats create two litters per year with a survival rate of 2.8 kittens per litter. With continued breeding:

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>CATS</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>CATS</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>CATS</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>CATS</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>12,680</b>	<b>CATS</b>
<b>YEAR 10</b>	<b>80,399,780</b>	<b>CATS</b>

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- \* Inability to house cats due to the lack of adequate shelter.
- \* Opposition by some groups to accepting cats – particularly feral cats-- at a new shelter due to anticipated high euthanasia rates.
- \* The need for additional community programs to address issues: spay/neuter services, community education, adoption programs etc.

# Components of successful animal Management policies

- \* **There is no one solution but a combination of all components:**
  - \* Spay/neuter services
  - \* Sheltering and adoption services
  - \* Community education programs
  - \* Supplemental programs for the management of outdoor populations
  - \* Intense volunteer support

# Spay-Neuter Clinic: Funding for Cats

- \* Staff recommended the Board approve one-time funding of \$30,000 for a pilot program for spay and neuter of cats.
- \* Kelly Cass of Mountain View Humane will outline how the clinic would use the funding.



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# MONTGOMERY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Needs Assessment, Feasibility and Building Program Study



*“There is a strong feeling among the general public and people who support humanely run shelters that new animal control shelters need to be designed to address irresponsible animal ownership problems and irresponsible pet breeding. It is felt these problems should be countered with remedial programs of **mandatory spay and neuter requirements, pet owner and public education, developing progressive ordinances and well promoted adoption programs.** This approach is preferable to simply allowing the destruction of animals as a response to the problem of pet overpopulation and irresponsible pet owners.”*

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# The need



***Front View of Existing Animal Care & Control Shelter at 434 Cinnabar Rd. It is In urgent need of replacement and expansion.***

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***The present dog kennels in the original building are a primitive design with poor drainage design and low quality, deteriorated chain link kenneling.***

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# The need



***A view of the dog adoption kennel area located in the front part of the building. Kennels are noisy, dark and unpleasant for the public to visit.***

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# The need



***This photo shows the primitive outside double decker dog runs. Its impossible to properly clean the upper runs.***

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# Report Findings

- \* The underlying overpopulation of pets is caused by irresponsible pet ownership and uncontrolled breeding of pets.
- \* Number of animal generated in a population of 89,000 is estimated at 3%. This would translate into potentially 2,670 animals turned into area shelters annually.
- \* If population increases to the projected level of 111,000 animal intake numbers could increase to 3,330.

# Report findings

**A new facility will be able to strengthen programs to increase adoptions and returns to owners to an even higher level.**

- \* Some examples of these programs include :
  - \* Spay/neuter for adopted pets, low cost spay/neuter programs for the general public,
  - \* Owner education,
  - \* Foster pet homes, pet health and behavior rehabilitation, counseling for pet owners with problems keeping their pets,
  - \* Progressive, responsible owner ordinances,
  - \* Well designed web-site for animal adoptions and lost animal identification, and
  - \* Ongoing, well promoted, shelter adoption programs including evening and weekend hours.

# Design Concept

• **The new animal control and adoption facility should include seven primary functions in one building:**

- (1) Public reception and sales of pet supplies.
- (2) Administrative areas
- (3) Public education provisions such as classroom and meeting rooms.
- (4) Animal receiving, including examinations and grooming.
- (5) Animal kennels for strays and adoptions.
- (6) Animal kennels for quarantine and observation.
- (7) Clinic for shelter animal care.

# Design features

- \* **Today, modern shelters are designed to include:**
  - \* central pressure washing equipment,
  - \* central animal watering systems,
  - \* flushing floor drains,
  - \* air purification systems,
  - \* cooling and heat exchangers for economy,
  - \* noise control systems and
  - \* long-lasting easily cleaned and disinfected wall and floor finishes.



# Shelter Capacity

**This shelter would have space for an estimated 2,180 dogs and 1,040 cats per year. Spaces include:**

For Dogs- 10 double capacity “Jumbo” dog adoption runs, 24 single dog adoption runs, 36 dog stray runs plus 2 jumbo, 5 quarantine runs, 4 isolation runs and 8 pup pens.

For Cats- 1 Cat Community Room holding 12 cats, a Cat Adoption Room with 16 cages, a room with 16 stray cat cages, 4 intake cages, and a separate space with 4 cat contagious isolation cages.

# NEW SHELTER COST ESTIMATES

## \* **TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION \$2,496,280**

- \* Administrative areas –  
1,120 sf @ \$160 sf \$ 179,200
- \* Public areas -  
1,429 sf @ \$160 sf \$ 228,640
- \* Animal kennel areas –  
5,305 sf @ \$200 sf \$1,161,000
- \* Animal treatment areas –  
3,550 sf @ \$170 sf \$ 603,500
- \* Animal outside run areas –  
4,398 sf @ \$30 sf \$ 131,940
- \* Special equipment  
(Kennels, washer, etc.) \$ 192,000

# NEW SHELTER COST ESTIMATES

- \* **PERMITS, A&E FEES, CIVIL AND SITE WORK**

20%

\$499,256

- \* **CONTINGENCY**

5%

\$124,814

- \* **ESTIMATED TOTAL BUDGET +/- 10%**

**\$3,120,350**

These estimates do not include an increase in operating costs or staffing.



***The planned new shelter will provide attractive new quarters for cats thereby helping to increase adoption levels for these deserving animals.***

***With a new shelter, Montgomery County Animal Control & Adoption Shelter will be able to come much closer to its goal of finding a responsible owner for every adoptable pet.***

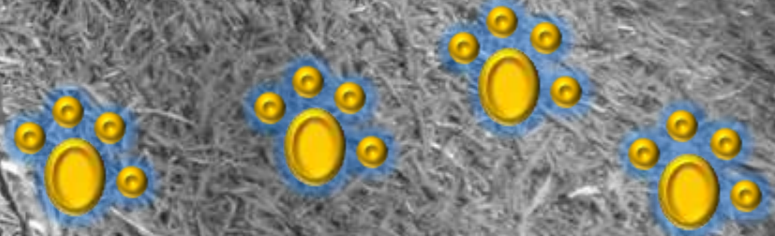






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Cat... TODAY!!!